

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-19, 21-27, 29-34, 37-41 and 44-63 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-11, 13-19, 21-27, 29-34, 37-41 and 44-53 are canceled, claims 61 and 63 are amended and claims 64-70 are added. Thus, claims 54-70 remain pending and at issue.

Applicants are appreciative of the allowance of claims 54-63 and the examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter of claims 10, 11, 13-17, 26, 27, 29, 30, 38-40 and 45-47. The previous amendment, dated December 13, 2004, canceled claims 12, 20, 28, 35, 36, 42, and 43, and added claims 54-63, which correspond to claims 10, 11, 13-17, and 45-47, rewritten in independent form or to depend from a non-rejected base claim. Similarly, the current amendment adds claims 64-70 which correspond to claims 26, 27, 29, 30, and 38-40, rewritten in independent form or to depend from a non-rejected base claim. Additionally, claims 61 and 63 are amended to correct typographical errors and, similarly, claim 68 corrects a typographical error found in original claim 45. No new matter has been added and thus, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Of course, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuing application.

Conclusion

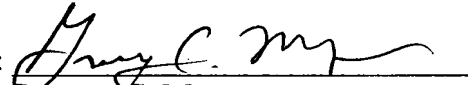
For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form, in an effort to advance this application towards, allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$400.00 for the net increase of 2 independent claims. If there are any additional fees or refunds required, the Commissioner is directed to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP. A copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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